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Re:

Application of Akira TSUJI, Ikumi TAMAI, Yoshimichi SAI, Masaaki ODOMI,

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GASTROINTESTINAL ABSORPTION ENHANCER MEDIATED BY PROTON-COUPLED TRANSPORTER AND ITS PREPARING METHOD Assignee: TSUJI Akira and OTSUKA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.

Our Ref: 088424

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

☑ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

☑ an English translation of the International Application.

☑ six (6) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1A-6).

☑ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.

☑ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.

☑ a Preliminary Amendment.

☑ it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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